

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully studied the outstanding Office Action. The present amendment is intended to place the application in condition for allowance and is believed to overcome all of the objections and rejections made by the Examiner. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Applicant has canceled claims 2 - 6, 10 - 12, 14 - 19 and 22, and amended claims 1, 7 - 9, 13, 20 and 21 to more properly claim the present invention. No new matter has been added. Claims 1, 7 - 9, 13, 20 and 21 are presented for examination.

In Paragraphs 1 - 7 of the Office Action, claims 6 - 9 and 19 - 21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has accordingly amended these claims so as to provide sufficient antecedent bases for their limitations.

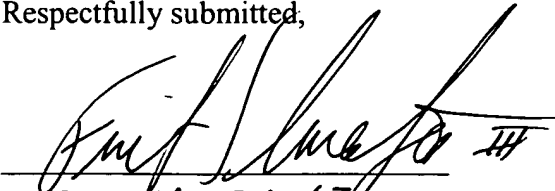
In Paragraphs 22 and 23 of the Office Action, claims 6 - 9 and 19 - 21 have been objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, and so as to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112 in paragraphs 1 - 7 of the Office Action.

Applicant has accordingly canceled claims 2 - 6, 10 - 12, 14 - 19 and 22 without acquiescence to the Examiner's reasons for rejection, and amended claims 1, 7 - 9, 13, 20 and 21. Specifically, claim 1 has been amended so as to incorporate the limitations of original claims 1, 5 and 6. Claim 7 has been rewritten in independent form so as to include the limitations of original claims 1, 5 and 7. Claim 13 has been amended so as to incorporate the limitations of original claims 13, 18 and 19. Claim 20 has been rewritten in independent form so as to include the limitations of original claims 13, 18 and 20.

For the foregoing reasons, applicant respectfully submits that the applicable objections and rejections have been overcome and that the claims are in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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